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SUBJ: TANAKA/POMPIDOU TALKS IN PARIS: PERMANENT SC SEAT FOR JAPAN.

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1. EMBASSY WAS STRUCK BY APPARENT CONTRADICTION IN JAPANESE POSITION CONCERNING PERMANENT SEAT IN UNSC REPORTEDLY TAKEN BY TANAKA IN HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT POMPIDOU (REFTEL PARA 12). DURING MEETING WITH FOREIGN OFFICE NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIVISION HEAD FUKADA OCT 5 POLITICAL COUNSELOR TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO CLARIFY JAPANESE ATTITUDE ON THIS ISSUE.

2. FUKADA, READING FROM TELEGRAM REPORTING ON TANAKA/POMPIDOU TALKS, SAID TANAKA APPROACHED ISSUE WITH TYPICAL JAPANESE DELICACY, BUT HE MADE CLEAR THAT GOJ DESIRES PERMANENT SC SEAT AND HAS TAKEN FIRST STEPS ON OWN INITIATIVE. TANAKA TOLD POMPIDOU, ACCORDING TO GOJ REPORTS FROM PARIS, THAT HE DID NOT FEEL IT APPROPRIATE TO MAKE A QTE PLEA UNQTE FOR FRENCH SUPPORT, BUT GOJ WOULD LIKE THE QTE UNDERSTANDING UNQTE OF GOF
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CONCERNING JAPANESE WISH TO BECOME PERMANENT MEMBER OF

SC AND TO COOPERATE ACTIVELY WITH OTHER SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBER. HE SAID TO POMPIDOU THAT IF JAPAN'S MOVE FOR A PERMANENT SEAT IS SUPPORTED BY OTHER COUNTRIES INVOLVED, PARTICULARLY KEY STATES SUCH AS FRANCE, JAPAN HAS HOPE EVENTUALLY OF ACHIEVING ITS GOAL.

3. GOJ REPORT INDICATED THAT POMPIDOU RESPONDED THAT GOF FULLY UNDERSTANDS GOJ POSITION, BUT UN IS STILL VULNERABLE INSTITUTION AND A CHANGE IN CHARTER OF THE SORT BEING PROPOSED BY JAPAN WOULD INVITE DANGEROUS CHAIN REACTION. IF JAPAN BECAME PERMANENT MEMBER OF SC, LDC BLOC WOULD ALSO DEMAND A SEAT.

4. FUKADA SAID HE COULD CONFIRM OFFICIALLY, HOWEVER, THAT GOJ DESIRES A PERMANENT SEAT AND IS UNDERTAKING THE CAMPAIGN TO ACHIEVE IT, HOWEVER LONG THAT MAY BE, ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE.
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